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SUBJECT: Eligibility of Civilian Students for Master of Comparative Medicine Degree

**Reference:** USUHS Instruction 1323, "Examination, Grading and Enrollment Policies for Graduate Education Programs at USUHS," 1 April, 1998

<u>Purpose.</u> To support NIH in the joint education of federal Laboratory Animal Veterinarians.

<u>Applicability.</u> This memorandum applies to the Graduate Program of the School of Medicine.

**Background.** At their August 2002 meeting, the USU Board of Regents endorsed on second reading the creation of a Master of Comparative Medicine degree in support of the need of the United States Public Health Service for education of commissioned corps veterinarians in Laboratory Animal Medicine related subjects. The President, USU authorized the admission of commissioned corps and other uniformed officers the study of comparative medicine in the 2002-2003 academic year. In 2004, NIH requested that civilians, nominated by NIH, be admitted to the study of Comparative Medicine in association with the Uniformed Services University Laboratory Animal Residency Program.

<u>Policy.</u> The policy limiting admissions to graduate study for the Master of Comparative Medicine degree to uniformed students is modified to permit civilians nominated by the National Institutes of Health and admitted to the Uniformed Services University Laboratory Animal Residency Program, to matriculate in the program effective Summer, 2004.

**Effective Date.** This memorandum is effective immediately.

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